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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection of the subject application, mailed 09/19/2008, Applicant hereby submits a preliminary amendment in response thereto. Concurrent with this preliminary amendment, Applicant has submitted a Request for Continued Examination to facilitate a substantive review of the claims hereof. Further, Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Masinick granting Applicant and his representative to a personal conference on November 13th. It is hopeful that a mutual understanding and agreement will be reached and, if necessary, a supplemental amendment will be promptly filed to cover understanding and agreement.

To move the prosecution forward, Applicant hereby amends the application, as follows;